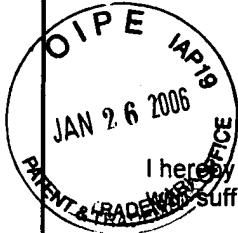


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In response to the Office Action that was mailed for the above-identified application on July 29, 2005, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the appended remarks. Following entry of the amendments, the pending claims will be those of the listing beginning on the next page.

As this response is not being submitted within the time period established by the Office Action, a petition for extension of the time is enclosed.